RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MARY NORWOOD

AS AMENDED BY

FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A Resolution expressing the intent of the City Council to give priority funding to the **essential** functions of Atlanta City government as mandated by the City Charter

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is facing a very austere budget year; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 taxpayers were faced with a fifty (50%) percent ad valorem tax increase; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the City faces a budget deficit of approximately thirty five million (\$35M); and

WHEREAS, the City's budget has grown in complexity and in function over the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the City's governing body (City Council) has a fiduciary responsibility to adopt a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City return to funding the **basic essential services** for its citizens as mandated in the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Council to ensure that City government is operated in a efficient and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, as the City confronts this year's budget crisis, non-essential projects and programs may have to be eliminated.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: That during its 2003 Budget deliberations, the City Council gives priority funding to the **essential** functions necessary to operate the City of Atlanta.

Section 2: That "essential", for the purposes of this resolution, shall mean those functions as mandated by the City Charter.

A true copy.

Municipal Clerk, CMC

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ADOPTED as amended by the Council APPROVED by the Mayor

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02-R-1885 Give priority funding to essential government functions

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ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 1
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